

"Aruba is made for walking"
Arubabank conducts their annual four-day walk at the end of June

Officials of Aruba Bank and IDEFRE, the governmental body that organizes and oversees athletic events, announced this week that the annual Aruba Bank walk, conducted over four days, will take place during the last week of June.

Willy Willems of IDEFRE, and Junior Dake joined Sales and Marketing Director Shanouille Bikker of Aruba Bank in presenting the schedule to the public. Arubabank sponsors the event in its entirety; there is no charge to participants.

The walk will take place on Tuesday through Friday, June 26th to 29th beginning at 7:00 P.M. Each day the walk will take place at a different part of the island, varying in length from 4.2 kilometers through San Nicolas on Tuesday, to 5.5 kilometers through Noord on Thursday. The total distance walked in four days will be 20.2 kilometers. Participants can join the walk for as many days as they care for; single days or all four. Inscription to take part will close on Thursday, June 21. Inscription forms can be obtained by contacting IDEFRE at their offices in the Certified Mall, or e-mail idefre@aruba.gov.aw. Completed forms can be returned via e-mail or fax #583-6478. Groups are invited to participate, and prizes will be awarded for The Largest Group, Most Beautiful Uniforms, and Most Animated. The first 2000 to inscribe will receive free tee shirts and sport bottles.

Junior Dake outlined the routes, beginning with Tuesday's walk departing and finishing at the Aruba Bank in San Nicolaas. It will pass through the main street past the Valero Refinery entrance and continue down Pastoor Hendrikstraat.

On Wednesday, the walk will take place in Paradara, commencing and ending at the Aruba Bank branch office. The route will take walkers past Codemsa and Cliffix and up to the San Barbola Residence.

Thursday's walk will take place in Noord, again starting and finishing at the Aruba Bank branch office. This walk will take participants north past Willy's Pool Service in the direction of Alto Vista.

The final walk departs and finishes at Aruba Bank main offices in Camacuri, following a route past Talk of the Town, up the Adrian Lacle Boulevard, to Banco di Caribe and then back down the Avenida Milo Croes past Pricemart. It is at the finish of Friday's race when the prizes will be awarded.

Aruba Bank and IDEFRE encourage everyone to join in for a congenial evening of exercise, either one day or all four, and remind the public that "Aruba is for walking."